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SUBJECT: CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CHAIRMAN KOHL MAKES STATEMENT
ON AFGHANISTAN

1. CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CHAIRMAN HELMUT KOHL ISSUED A
FORMAL STATEMENT JULY 15 ON THE FOUNDING OF "HELP"
THE WEST GERMAN ORGANIZATION FOR AID TO AFGHANISTAN--
URGING THE WEST GERMAN PEOPLE TO CONTINUE AIDING THE
AFGHAN REFUGEES AND THEREBY DISPLAYING FRG SOLIDARITY
WITH THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

2. HELP (HELPING AFGHANS TO HELP THEMSELVES) HAS
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BEEN COLLECTING PRIVATE DONATIONS AND HUMANITARIAN
RELIEF FOR APPROXIMATELY 300,000 OF THE 2.7 MILLION
REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED INTO NEIGHBORING PAKISTAN,
CHIEFLY IN THE FORM OF MEDICINE AND POWDERED MILK FOR
CHILDREN.

3. COMMENT: THE KOHL STATEMENT SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE
CONTEXT OF RECENT EFFORTS BY BUNDESTAG REPRESENTATIVES
TO KEEP THE ISSUE OF AFGHANISTAN IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

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IT MAY THUS TEND TO OFFSET RECENT COMPLAINTS BY FORMER
AFGHAN OFFICIALS RESIDENT HERE ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE AS
A DECLINE IN WEST GERMAN ATTENTION TO AFGHANISTAN.
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